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### REMARKS

New drawings are proposed herein.

Reconsideration of the rejections of the claims as unpatentable over the Chouings and Yamamoto patents is respectfully requested.

The Chouings patent does not show or suggest the type of brake recited in the claims of this application. The elements 175 and 176 of Chouings are not levers. They are the brake shoes, and it is not proper to broadly consider them the levers. Thus, the examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider his rejection.

It is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance, and an early indication thereof is respectfully requested. The examiner is invited to contact the undersigned if any matter remains outstanding.

This includes a Request for Continued Examination. All necessary extensions of time are requested. Please charge any necessary fees and credit any excess to deposit account 50-1088.

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